

**Amendments to the Specification:**

At page 1, after "TITLE", delete lines 2 and 3 and insert therefor:

"Transformed Microorganisms and Genes Useful in the Production of Glycerol and 1,3-Propanediol"

On page 1, after the title, delete the entire paragraph entered by the Preliminary Amendment filed 25 October 2000 and insert therefor:

"This application is a division of U.S. Application No. 08/982,783 filed 3 December 1997 (now abandoned), which ~~in turn~~ is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/968,418 filed 12 November 1997, (now abandoned), claiming priority benefit to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/030,602, filed 13 November 1996."

At page 12, line 25, after "U51210, U19789, U28658 or L20566]; glycerol-3-phosphatase", (~~EC 3.1.3.~~) (EC 3.1.3.21).

At page 71, after "TITLE", delete lines 2 and 3 and insert therefor:

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